CHAPTER 322

**INSURANCE** 

HOUSE BILL 13-1315

BY REPRESENTATIVE(S) Fischer, Fields, Ginal, Hullinghorst, Labuda, Lebsock, Moreno, Rosenthal, Salazar, Vigil, Young, McCann, Pabon, Pettersen, Schafer; also SENATOR(S) Kefalas, Guzman, Nicholson.

## AN ACT

CONCERNING THE AUTHORITY OF A GOVERNING BOARD OF AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION TO MANDATE PURCHASES RELATING TO HEALTH CARE.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

**SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 23-5-106, **amend** (3) as follows:

- 23-5-106. Authority of governing boards general health care insurance contracts of indemnity. (3) (a) The governing board of an institution of higher education shall not require an undergraduate student to purchase health care insurance or health care services.
- (b) The provisions of paragraph (a) of this subsection (3) do not apply to any program that was in existence at an institution of higher education on January 1, 1994. If a governing board of an institution of higher education requires a student to purchase health care insurance, the board must allow the same exemption for those participating in a health care sharing ministry as specified in the federal "Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act".
- **SECTION 2. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

Approved: May 28, 2013

Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.